

Lake Arrowhead Community Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 3 - Pancake Breakfast & Super Bowl Party
- ◆ Mid-February - Wine Tasting
- ◆ March 15 - UnBirthday Party

Board Update

At our last Open Board meeting in November 2007 new board members were elected. Welcome to Peggy Lefsky, Jeff Lauver, Steve Reh, and David Hobart.

Thank you to our outgoing board members for your many years of service - Peter Rand, Paul Dean, Vlad Penkrat and Chris Brindle.

On Jan 17th, the Lake Arrowhead Board held its re-organization meeting. With unanimous board support, Mike Bertram has graciously accepted the position of President. Thank you Mike! Peggy Lefsky is our Vice President, Robert Seijas is our Treasurer and Robin Bachman is our Secretary.

Over the next few weeks, the board will be meeting to determine the budget for 2008. At the end of February there will be an Open Board meeting to approve the budget. We hope to see you there.

Recently...

Happy New Year!!

On New Year's Eve, Lake Arrowhead reintroduced the Progressive Dinner. Over 40 members attended the Event. Thanks to our hosts: Peter & Loretta Nauta, Carl Kruse, Kenn & Rehana Flessner, Barb Kane, Linford & Linda Hackman, Peggy & Hal Lefsky, Paul & Cathy Dean, Peter & Lyn Rand, Mary Ellen & John Stanton and Robin Bachman. The event ended at the clubhouse for dessert and a champagne toast complete with the count down, ball dropping and fireworks. Loretta Nauta and Sylvia Lacey decorated the clubhouse beautifully for the evening.

Special thanks to Lyn Rand for organizing the event.

From the Desk of...

I want to thank my fellow board members for the opportunity to serve as Club president. I view my job as being responsive to the Club members and helping all the board members with their responsibilities. Call me with any questions or concerns you have with our Club.

I have always told everyone that "Lake Arrowhead is the best place in Denville" and I believe what makes it true is the sense of community and volunteerism that everyone brings to our neighborhood.

Please join the Club, run an activity, or volunteer for a 'work party' and help continue the great tradition of Lake Arrowhead.

-Mike Bertram

Officers

President - Mike Bertram

Vice President - Peggy Lefsky

Secretary - Robin Bachman

Treasurer - Robert Seijas

Committees

Bar - Jeff Lauver

Beach - Rehana Flessner

Clubhouse - Steve Reh

Grounds - Barb Kane

Lakes - David Hobart

Membership - Peggy Lefsky

Recreation - Kevin Williams

Rentals and Special Projects - Mark Stein

*Aquatek
Presentation on
January 30*

Lakes

Last Fall there was a huge effort to remove algae from the main lake in hopes of improving the conditions. Thanks to Steve Reh and Steve Scornavacca for organizing "Operation Algae" and manually removing boatloads of algae with innovative nets and lots of workers.

The Lakes Committee has been meeting and making plans to improve the state of our most precious neighborhood resource. The next Lakes Committee meeting is on January 30, at the Clubhouse at which time Aquatek, a

lake management company, will make a presentation. Please watch your e-mail for further information.

Thank you to Robert Seijas our outgoing Lakes Chairman and welcome to David Hobart our new Chairperson.

Note: There are some boats at the common docks that have been abandoned. If yours, please remove them.

Beach

The beach is quiet in these winter months. The storage boxes on the beach are used to store lanes and equipment during the winter. Please remember to remove your chairs for the winter. They will be disposed of during the spring beach cleanup if they are still there.

Rehana Flessner is once again the Beach Chairperson for 2008.

Clubhouse & Grounds

Thank you to Barb Kane our outgoing Clubhouse Chairman and welcome to Steve Reh our new Chairperson.

Thank you to Chris Brindle our outgoing Grounds Chairman and welcome to Barb Kane our new Chairperson.

Rentals

Planning a Party? The Clubhouse is available for rentals to all Lake Arrowhead members.

Check our website (www.lakearrowheadclub.com) for current rental rates. Contact Mark Stein to schedule a rental.

Note the Beach, Lakes and Butterfly Field are not included in the rental.

Membership

When you complete your membership application this year, please include an email address. It is the most convenient way to communicate Lake Arrowhead News regarding events and other matters. If you don't have access to email, we will ensure you receive a hard copy of all mailings.

Thank you to Kevin Williams our outgoing Membership Chairman and welcome to Peggy Lefsky our new Chairperson.



Bar

Welcome to our new Bar Chairperson, Jeff Lauver.

Look for the sign outside the clubhouse on Saturday nights to see if the bar is open. Stop in for a refreshment and camaraderie.

Help Jeff out by being a volunteer Bartender!

Recreation

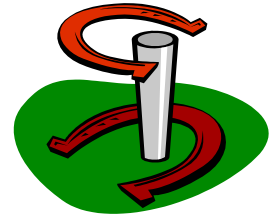
Hub Lakes Sports went very well for 2007. Lake Arrowhead finished 4th in Men's Horseshoes, we were in the playoffs. For the 1st time in 15 years, we won the Hublakes overall handicap trophy (the handicap award is based on the size of the lake) What helped us this year was having a swim team. We tied with Parsippany. Stop by the clubhouse to see the trophy.

Last year Lake Arrowhead participated

in Golf, Men's and Women's Volleyball, Horseshoes, Table Tennis, and Track. We participated in Swimming as a joint team with Rainbow Lakes, Lake Parsippany and Estling.

Check out the Hub Lakes website at www.hublakes.com

Thank you to Paul Dean our outgoing Recreation Chairman and welcome to Kevin Williams our new Chairperson.



Auxiliary

The Lake Arrowhead Auxiliary met on Jan 22nd to plan out the year. Events to look forward to this year include:

- ❖ Pancake Breakfast
- ❖ Super Bowl Party
- ❖ Wine Tasting
- ❖ Un-Birthday
- ❖ Spring Plant Sale (our biggest fundraiser and it saves you money too when you order your plants through the club)
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt
- ❖ Community Garage Sale
- ❖ Memorial Day Cookout
- ❖ Lobster Bash
- ❖ Last Day of School Tie Dye/Ice Cream Party

- ❖ Fourth of July
- ❖ Labor Day Cookout
- ❖ Halloween Party and Haunted House or Hayride
- ❖ Wreath Sale/Cocktail Party
- ❖ Movie & Games Nights

Sign up to help out at an event. Check the website calendar for dates.

Co-Presidents:

Shannon Penkrat and Robin Bachman

Vice President: Beth Stein

Secretary: Eileen Atkinson

Treasurer Rehana Flessner

*Many hands make
light work.
Sign up to help
out at an event.*

Healthy Lakes - How can you help?

Every house in Lake Arrowhead can improve our lakes' health by keeping leaves and debris out of the lake, deciding whether to use fertilizer at all, and, if fertilizing, choosing a phosphorus-free one, and not using it within 10 feet of the shoreline.

A major contributor to algae blooms are the leaves that our trees shed every fall. First, as they decompose in the water, they provide nutrients for the algae. Second, the build up of the leaves on the bottom of the lake decreases the effective water depth, increasing the amount of sunlight that reaches the bottom, which provides both warmth and light to the algae increasing its growth rate.

Please, do not rake or blow leaves into the lakes. If possible, trim your trees so they don't drop their leaves into the lakes in the fall. If you use a yard service, please request that they remove leaves and debris rather than blowing them into the lake. Or start a compost heap with them.

Any fertilizer (phosphorus free or not), being good for plant growth, (and algae is a plant), when washed into our lakes, will "fertilize" the algae blooms. So it would be best to minimize, or even eliminate, if possible, the use of fertilizers around our lakes.

Denville town ordinances actually prohibit the use of fertilizer containing

more than 0.5% phosphorus anywhere in town. The ordinance also prohibits the use of ANY fertilizer AT ALL within 10 feet of any wetland, body of water, lake, stream or pond (Ord. 4-14.2).

If you decide to use a fertilizer, choose a phosphate free one, use a minimum amount, and do not fertilize within 10 feet of the shoreline.

If you want to get really radical, rake up the leaves from the bottom of the lake near the shore by your property, and add them to your compost heap! Join Operation Algae!